

ALL HALLOWS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

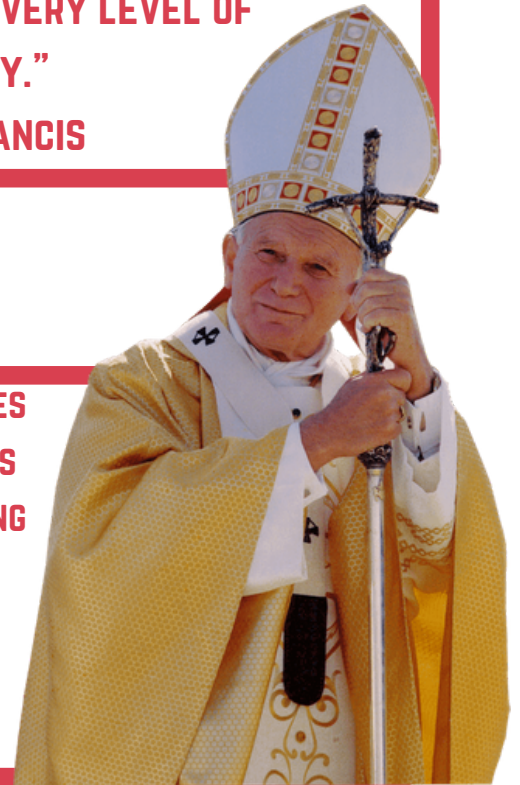
DIVERSITY

WORD OF THE WEEK



"I ENCOURAGE YOU TO WORK WITH INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY FOR THE COMMON GOOD, AND TO FOSTER A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AT EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY."

POPE FRANCIS



"PEACE IS NOT JUST THE ABSENCE OF WAR. IT INVOLVES MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN PEOPLES AND NATIONS. IT INVOLVES COLLABORATION AND BINDING AGREEMENTS. LIKE A CATHEDRAL, PEACE HAS TO BE CONSTRUCTED, PATIENTLY AND WITH UNSHAKABLE FAITH."

POPE ST JOHN PAUL II

What's on?

Wednesday: Chapel Club. The Chapel will be open on Wednesday lunch time, There are board games to play with friends and it's a great chance to make new friends too.

Friday: Breakfast with God in the Junior Dining Room, at 8:30am. Come along for tea, toast and prayer.



Prayer for the Week

We praise You, God, for the diversity we see all around us. We rejoice in the complex beauty of your creation. Help us to celebrate the wonderful blend of cultures and peoples in this world by actively seeking solidarity with one another.
Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT...

Jo Cox was a Labour MP from Yorkshire. This quote is taken from her first speech, her maiden speech, which she made in the House of Commons shortly after being voted in as a MP. She explains in her speech that the place she grew up, and where she is now the MP for, her constituency, is diverse, made up of people from lots of different places, who have different beliefs, and look different. But she makes clearly, and proudly so, that through the diversity and difference of the people of her area, there is unity, people come together to make the town a wonderful place for all to live. Sadly in June 2016 Jo Cox was killed. And following her death the Jo Cox foundation was established in her memory, which aimed to put Jo's words even more into practice throughout the UK. The foundation called on everyone to celebrate diversity, to celebrate the differences of our communities, so that they become places of love, united places where differences are not something to be scared of but to celebrate and enjoyed together.

After Jo's death events known as Great Get Together's were established by different community groups to invite people to come together, to unite against hate, and celebrate diversity. Events included community picnics, opening churches, mosques and synagogues for people to find out more, fun days for all families, the list goes on.

Each one of us is called to be united with our fellow humans, our brothers and sisters. In the words of Jo Cox, "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us." We are all human after all.

Think for a moment, what can you do in your daily living to celebrate diversity?



SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT...

- What makes you so different to those around you?
- Why is it a positive thing that we are not all the same?
- How should we treat people who are different to us?
- Have you ever been seen as different/judged for being different?
- How did it make you feel?
- Have you ever been negative towards people who you consider different to you?
- Is there more we can do as a school?

SOMETHING TO DO...

Go out of your way this week to talk to somebody in your class that you would not normally talk to. Find out the things that you have in common.

